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(SBU) Post has determined that it is not feasible to organize local events to mark the "Day of Solidarity with Cuba" in Oman due to the lack of awareness or interest among Omanis about Cuban affairs (Cuba has no diplomatic presence in Oman), the absence of non-governmental partners with which to conduct joint programming, and government controls on the press that limit public discussion of human rights and democracy. Post will, however, inform the government of USG activities on May 21 to mark the event.